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Applicants: Walker et al.

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Title: PURCHASING, REDEMPTION AND SETTLEMENT

SYSTEMS AND METHODS WHEREIN A BUYER TAKES

POSSESSION AT A RETAILER OF A PRODUCT PURCHASED USING A COMMUNICATION NETWORK

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to substantive review of the instant application, please consider the following amendments and remarks: